

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1061–S1112*

**Measures Introduced:** Ninety-seven bills and twenty-one resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1068–1164, S.J. Res. 23–24, and S. Res. 139–157.

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**Measures Passed:**

***Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act:*** Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration of S. 777, to increase, effective as of December 1, 2023, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and the bill was then passed.

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***National Women in Agriculture Day:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 120, designating March 23, 2023, as "National Women in Agriculture Day", and the resolution was then agreed to.

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***Recognizing American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Women:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 148, recognizing the heritage, culture, and contributions of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian women in the United States.

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***National Asbestos Awareness Week:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 149, designating the first week of April 2023 as "National Asbestos Awareness Week".

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***Honoring the Victims of the Covenant School Attack:*** Senate agreed to S. Res. 150, honoring the memories of the victims of the senseless attack at the Covenant School on March 27, 2023.

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***Administrative False Claims Act:*** Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 659, to amend chapter 38 of title 31, United States Code, relating to civil remedies, and the bill was then passed.

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**Measures Considered:**

**Fire Grants and Safety Act—Agreement:** Senate began consideration of S. 870, to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

**Pages S1062–66, S1079**

Pending:

Schumer Amendment No. 58, to add an effective date.

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Prior to the consideration of this measure today, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill.

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Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the filing deadline for first degree amendments to the bill be at 3:30 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023.

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**Pro Forma Sessions—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that the Senate adjourn, to then convene for pro forma sessions only, with no business being conducted on the following dates and times, and that following each pro forma session, the Senate adjourn until the next pro forma session: Monday, April 3, 2023, at 12 noon; Thursday, April 6, 2023, at 10 a.m.; Monday, April 10, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.; and Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 8:45 a.m.; and that when the Senate adjourns on Thursday, April 13, 2023, it next convene at 3 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023.

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**Plumb Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Radha Iyengar Plumb, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

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A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Thursday, March 30, 2023, a vote on cloture will occur at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023. **Page S1078**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1078**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 3 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, and that all motions to invoke cloture filed during the session of Thursday, March 30, 2023, ripen at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 17, 2023. **Page S1110**

**Solomon Nomination—Cloture:** Senate began consideration of the nomination of Amy Lefkowitz Solomon, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. **Page S1079**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the nomination, and, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of the nomination of Radha Iyengar Plumb, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense. **Page S1079**

Prior to the consideration of this nomination, Senate took the following action:

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Legislative Session. **Page S1078**

Senate agreed to the motion to proceed to Executive Session to consider the nomination. **Page S1079**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 67 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. EX. 81), Richard R. Verma, of Maryland, to be Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources. **Pages S1069–70**

By 63 yeas to 27 nays (Vote No. EX. 82), Laura Taylor-Kale, of California, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Page S1075**

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Space Force. **Pages S1079–80**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Douglas Dziak, of Virginia, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission for the remainder of the term expiring October 26, 2024.

Nisha Desai Biswal, of Virginia, to be Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation.

Herro Mustafa Garg, of California, to be Ambassador to the Arab Republic of Egypt.

Richard H. Riley IV, of California, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Somalia.

Mark Toner, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Liberia.

1 Air Force nomination in the rank of general.

5 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Foreign Service. **Pages S1110–11**

**Nominations Withdrawn:** Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nominations:

Gigi B. Sohn, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2021, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2023.

Phillip A. Washington, of Illinois, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years, which was sent to the Senate on January 3, 2023. **Page S1112**

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**Privileges of the Floor:** **Page S1110**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—82) **Pages S1069–70, S1075**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:26 p.m., until 12 noon on Monday, April 3, 2023. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1110.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### FARM BILL

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine forestry in the Farm Bill, focusing on the importance of America's forests, after receiving testimony from